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Introduction/Overview

This petition is a request for reconsideration on the merits of a decision ("Decision") denying Applicants' Petition to the Commissioner ("Petition") requesting treatment of the above application as a U.S. national stage application and instead as an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111. The Petition was filed to request reconsideration of a notification of the PCT Legal Office vacating the Notification of Acceptance of Application under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495.

For the reasons set forth herein, Applicants again disagree with the decision and maintain, in view of the record examined in its entirety, that the application clearly was instructed as a national stage application, and thus was correctly accepted by the U.S. Patent Office as a national stage application. Thus, Applicants' respectfully request that the decision be reversed.

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Background and Facts

The background and facts of the case at hand are set forth in the Applicants' previously-filed Petition and are thus not repeated since they have been made of record. Applicants point out that the present application was previously accepted as a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage application by the Patent Office.

Argument

I. Applicants Satisfy the Three Key Indicators Under MPEP 1893.03(a) Which Reflect That An Application Is Filed Under 37 U.S.C. 371

In its Decision, the PCT Legal Office maintains that any intended filing of an international application as a national stage application must clearly and unambiguously be identified as such and must satisfy all of the conditions set forth in 37 U.S.C. 371(c). The Decision further states indicates that any conflicting instructions as to whether the filing is under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) or 35 U.S.C. 371, the application will be accepted as filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a).

Again, and as set forth in Applicants' Petition, Applicants do not question MPEP 1893.03(a) for the position that an ambiguity as to whether an application is to be filed as a national stage or a 111(a) application is to be resolved in favor of a 111(a) application. Instead, Applicants respectfully argue that the PCT Legal Office repeatedly ignores those specific and clear factors set forth in MPEP 1893.03(a) which determine identification of an application as a national stage application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371.

As set forth in Applicants' Petition, and to reiterate, MPEP 1893.03(a) lists three key factors in evaluating whether an application is to be considered as filed under 37 U.S.C. 371. The three factors are:

- (A) The file face form indication of a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371;
- (B) The Form PCT/DO/EO/903 indicating acceptance of the application as a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371; and

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- (C) Applicant's statement (or the equivalent) in the originally filed application papers that the application is a national stage filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.

Applicants' previously-filed Petition clearly sets forth that all three factors have been fulfilled. The fulfillment of these factors has not been disputed by the PCT Legal Office.

II. Applicants Have Clearly Identified The Accompanying Specification by PCT Application Number and International Filing Date in the Declaration

MPEP 1893.03(a) states:

"... In accordance with the notice at 1077 O.G. 13 (14 April 1987), if the applicant files a U.S. national application and clearly identifies in the accompanying oath or declaration the specification to which it is directed by referring to a particular international application by PCT Application Number and International Filing Date and that he or she is executing the declaration as, and seeking a U.S. Patent as, the inventor of the invention described in the identified international application, then the application will be accepted as filed under 35 U.S.C. 371. Merely claiming priority of an international application in an oath or declaration will not serve to indicate a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371....

(emphasis added)

Applicants' previously-filed Petition clearly establishes that the Declaration contained the PCT application number and international filing number as set forth in the above paragraph. The Declaration went beyond a mere claiming of priority to the PCT application.

In accordance with the express language of the above-cited passage from MPEP 1893.03(a), the application is to be accepted as filed under 35

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U.S.C. 371. Applicants note that the Decision of PCT Legal Office does not dispute Applicants' statements in the declaration referencing the PCT International Application and the International Filing Date.

III. The Position of the PCT Legal Office Concerning Conflicting Instructions Regarding Whether an Application is Filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) or 35 U.S.C. 371 Is Erroneously Applied Out of Context

In support of its position, the Decision of the PCT Legal Office Principally relies on the final sentence of MPEP 1893.03(a):

"Also, if there are any conflicting instructions as to whether the filing is under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) or 35 U.S.C. 371, the application will be accepted as filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a)"

The Decision argues that the reference in the Preliminary Amendment to 35 U.S.C. 111 qualifies as a "conflicting instruction". Thus, the Decision argues that the present application must be treated as a 35 U.S.C. 111(a) filing.

Applicants disagree with the Decision on this point, and maintain that the final sentence of MPEP 1893.03(a) has been entirely and improperly interpreted out of context. When viewing this sentence in its proper context with respect to the accompanying oath or declaration in the preceding sentences, Applicants' alleged reference in the Preliminary Amendment does not qualify as a "conflicting instruction". Not discussed in the decision, the first portion of the final paragraph of MPEP 1893.03(a), discusses circumstances under which an application will be accepted as being filed under 35 U.S.C. 371, namely the clear identification of the PCT Application Number and International Filing Date in the Oath or Declaration. The final paragraph concludes by setting forth those circumstances by which the application is will not accepted under 35 U.S.C. 371, namely the presence of a conflicting instruction.

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Contrary to the assertion of the PCT Legal Office, logic dictates that the final sentence of the final paragraph of MPEP 1893.03(a) is to be interpreted in view of the preceding sentences in the paragraph. More specifically, the term "any conflicting instructions" refers to Applicant's statements in the Oath or Declaration regarding the PCT International Application. If, in accordance with MPEP 1893.03(a), a U.S. national application clearly identifies in the accompanying oath or declaration the specification to which it is directed by referring to a particular international application by PCT Application Number and International Filing Date and that he or she is executing the declaration as, and seeking a U.S. Patent as, the inventor of the invention described in the identified international application, **then the application will be accepted as filed under 35 U.S.C. 371.** Thus, logic dictates that the final sentence of MPEP 1893.03(a) modifies the above provision determining acceptance of the application as being filed under 35 U.S.C. 371, i.e., "any conflicting instruction" refers to the instructions with respect to the oath and declaration.

In the case at hand, Applicants have clearly identified the application in the declaration as being a national stage application and have referred to the specific PCT application number and international filing date. **Thus, the application will be accepted, and in fact, the application was accepted as a national stage application as evidenced by the Patent Office's October 30, 2001 mailing of the "Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 C.F.R. 1.494 or 1.495".** Accordingly, in view of the fulfillment of the requirements of the declaration and the **unqualified acceptance of the application** as a national stage application, examination of the sentence referring to a "conflicting instruction", upon which the PCT Legal Office relies in its argument, is rendered entirely moot. In particular, no "conflicting instructions" have been raised by the PCT Legal Office with respect to the reference of the application as a national stage application in the Applicants' declaration.

Notwithstanding the above, and as stated herein and in Applicants' previously-filed Declaration, Applicants respectfully submit that other factors in MPEP 1893.03(a) employed in determining whether an application is to be

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treated as a 35 U.S.C. 371 application have been fulfilled. Applicants have not offered a "conflicting instruction" regarding the treatment of the present application when properly viewed in the context of MPEP 1893.03(a).

Conclusion

In view of the record in its totality, it is without question that Applicants clearly instructed the Patent Office to view the above application as a national stage application and not as a filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a). The argument of the PCT Legal Office in its Decision is arbitrary and without merit in that it does not examine the factors clearly set forth in MPEP 1893.03(a) which govern whether to treat an application as being filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 or 35 U.S.C. 111(a). Applicants have fulfilled these factors as clearly set forth herein and in Applicants' previously-filed Petition to the Commissioner.

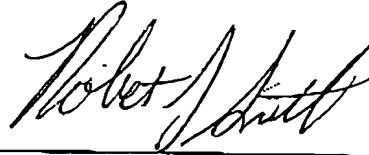
Moreover, the presence of a single typographical error in no way gives rise to a "conflicting instruction" when properly viewed in the context of MPEP 1893.03(a), particularly in view of the overwhelming evidence to the contrary. Applicants have clearly satisfied all factors set forth in MPEP 1893.03(a). The application was, and should now be, a 35 U.S.C. 371 national stage application.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the the decision of the PCT Legal Office be reversed, and that the present application be properly afforded its initial and correct status as a national stage application.

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